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My dear Dr Gray,

I am very much obliged for your letter and its kind invitation. I fear I will not be able to visit Cambridge except on my way from Montreal to Philadelphia. I want to take advantage of the trip that I understand is being organised under your American Association for visiting the Yellowstone Park & the Yosemite Valley — and to enable me to do this I

by Chicago to Winnipeg — going west as far as we could conveniently to be in time for the Montreal meeting —

If you would let me have any information about the length of time your American Association visit — and the plans for the western Expeditions I would be very much obliged — The Linnean Society has appointed me a delegate to your association.

I am much obliged to you for taking charge of Mr Lemmon's parcel for us — He has been making enquiries propose to see something of the interior of Canada before the Association meeting at Montreal -

My elder son will accompany me - and two friends, one an enlightened English landlord & farmer who has been lately laying down a good deal of his land to pasture, - and with whom for some years I have a good deal of intercourse - We want to see something of the Cattle ranches of Canada - And I would also like to visit one or more of the Seed and agricultural Experiment Stations in the United States -

I have for some years acted as Consulting Botanist to the Roy. Agricultural Society of England, and the work has so developed lately that I think it would afford a very good prospect for my son - He is fond of Science, and I am anxious he should have this opportunity of seeing what we are able to see of America -

I have taken out our berths on the Bothnia - Cunard Line - for the 2nd of August, and I thought of going right on about it, and I was expecting to hear from you about it.

I will get the Accountant to send the Order for 7/2 the overland Carriage of the parcel.

I am very glad to hear of the completion of the next part of your N. American Flora, and heartily congratulate

you in being able
to carry on to completion
this important work
which has been so long
before you.

I am faithfully yours
Wm Carruthers

Dr Asa Gray